

MACKEREL FLEET LANDED 750,000 POUNDS TODAY

Boston Had 20 Arrivals but Prices Are Down—Seventeen Craft on Hand at Fulton Dock

Mackerel to the amount of 750,000 pounds were landed over the weekend at New York, Boston and this port by 26 seiners and 8 local netters, with the largest fare being reported by the seiner Salvatore Capt. Vito Lucretio which sailed Friday night and must have struck the fish right away for they had 48,000 pounds and sailed into Boston.

The bulk of the fish was taken into Boston, there being 20 seiners from this port waiting for the bell this morning with over a half million pounds, and the opening price was from 2 cents to 1½ cents per pound. New York had five local seiners with 109,000 pounds and 8 local netters with 59,500 pounds, while into Gloucester came the Joanna, Capt. Barrett with 2500 pounds which were taken by the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company, yesterday.

The Boston mackerel arrivals are

listed in the "fish column" today, while the New York arrivals follow. The Malvina B. is from Edgartown, Sunapee from Portland, Me.; Joseph Warner from Boston, and Hattie S., from a New Jersey port.

At New York.

Seiners.

Catherine Burke, 25,000 lbs.
Ruth Lucille, 24,000 lbs.
Alice and Mildred, 20,000 lbs.
Irene and Mabel, 20,000 lbs.
Doris F. Amaro, 20,000 lbs.

Netters.

Albert D. Willard, 12,000 lbs.
Annie and Mary, 11,000 lbs.
Aeolus, 10,000 lbs.
Huntington Sanford, 10,000 lbs.
Mavina, B., 10,000 lbs.
Sunapee, 9000 lbs.
Shirley M. Clattenberg, 6000 lbs.
Joseph E. Warner, 5000 lbs.
Funchal, 4000 lbs.
Hattie S., 3500 lbs.
John A. Cooney, 3500 lbs.
Mary M., 3000 lbs.

LAST ARRIVAL

FROM SEAL FISHERY

The S. S. Beothic, Capt. Jacob Kean, arrived in port at 1.30 p. m. on Thursday, bringing 16,000 pelts, old and young. The ship was jammed for six weeks in the vicinity of Horse Islands, and when she got clear accounted for 2000 seals.

On Thursday morning the S. S. Terra Nova finished discharging her pelts at Bowring Brothers' premises and landed 11,410. The Beothic is berthed at the premises of Job Bros. & Co., Ltd., where she is discharging her cargo.

The catch to date is: Imogene, 55,636; Ungava, 49,285; Ranger, 16,401; Terra Nova, 11,410; Eagle, 25,651; Beothic (esti.) 16,000. Total 173,383.—St. John's N. F., Trade Review.

Pick Up Lobsters.

Sch. M. S. Kenney, Capt. Vernon Kenney, is discharging a cargo of coal at Clark's Harbor, N. S.

American lobster smack Edna L. of Rockland, Me., loaded lobsters at Clark's harbor from Charles E. Nickerson.

American smack Fanny Powell took a consignment of lobsters during the past week for the Consolidated Lobster Company, Gloucester.

Some boats have been withdrawn from fishing due to scarcity and low price and are cod fishing.

Reports Wreckage.

The hydrographic service of the navy sent out a warning yesterday that "heavy wreckage 70 feet long and 24 feet beam" is awash in latitude 43.35 north and longitude 50.12 west. This is a point in the ocean some distance off Nova Scotia. This information was sent out from Washington, D. C., to mariners.

Lobster Market.

Lobsters are in better supply owing to the arrival of a number of boats from Nova Scotia. Receipts exceeded 2000 crates and about 900 were received by lobster smack at this port. Last arrivals sold at \$21 per crate which is the price they sold at the corresponding week last year.

Codfish Markets.

There are no developments of importance reported in the codfish markets since last week. Prices have not changed and there is no indication yet of higher prices. The Oporto market continues to be overstocked with Newfoundland fish, and green fish from Iceland and elsewhere has arrived in large quantities. The Italian market is suffering because of warm weather which has caused sales to fall off. Stocks are sufficient to meet the demand. The Spanish market continues firm because of a shortage of suitable supplies. Southern Brazil is not buying because of economic difficulties. Northern Brazil is buying and paying for supplies in a satisfactory manner.

Iceland's catch is 50 per cent. above the same, date last year, while Norway's catch is a little less than last year, but most of it is being split. Iceland is losing heavily at present prices, and as her trawler fleet is to be reduced it is expected that the total catch will not exceed that of last year. It is reported that Iceland's 1932 catch has been sold, but Norway has a fairly large quantity to market. The new catch of both countries will be available in June.—St. John's, N. F., Trade Review.

RECEIPTS FRESH MACKEREL MUCH LESS LAST WEEK

LANDINGS LITTLE BETTER THAN
200,000 POUNDS—CATCH BE-
HIND 1932 FIGURES

The mackerel fleet landed last week 202,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, mostly large and medium fish caught by netters. The weather has been windy and conditions were unfavorable for the seiners. Mackerel sold ex-vessel to the wholesale dealers during the week at 6 to 16 cents per pound.

In the corresponding week last year, good catches of large and medium mackerel were landed from off Scotland lightship. There were 3,535,200 pounds landed at the Boston pier, and they sold at 1.25 to 3 cents per pound.

A few mackerel were received in Boston at the end of the week from the South side of Cape Cod, and a few mackerel have been taken there, the first of this season.

Smallest in Five Years

The total catch of mackerel up to the end of last week is far behind last year, over 3,000,000 pounds less, and smaller than any of the last five years.

The total is 2,735,700 pounds as compared with 5,736,200 pounds in 1932; 4,065,865 pounds in 1931; 4,932,595 pounds in 1930; 3,172,350 pounds in 1929.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—Few herring in nets. Ice available. No vessels in port.

Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lockport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available.

North Sydney—Fresh bait very plentiful both in gill and trap nets. Ice available. Four vessels in port.

Port Hawkesbury—One hundred twenty-five barrels fresh herring available.

Queensport—Forty barrels herring in traps and forty barrels in nets. Schooner Beatrice and Beck arrived last night baited this morning and ready to sail.

St. Anns—Setting traps today. About 20 barrels herring in one trap.

Shelburne—Seventy thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Yarmouth—Plenty frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Plenty bait and ice at Amherst, Etang du Nord, Grindstone and Pointe Basse.

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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

SEVERAL FARES MACKEREL AT BOSTON HELD OVER FOR BETTER PRICES

The mackerel fishermen at Boston fish pier yesterday certainly had a mighty rough voyage trying to get anything for their fares. The price offered was two cents and under, and many of the boats, so they tell Squibs, simply kept their fish in their holds, and decided to wait until the price soared a bit.

Several of them dropped into Gloucester during the afternoon, their "highs" fluttering proudly in the breeze, despite the rather dampened spirits of the skippers and crew, who began to wonder what sense there is in taking chances on hard work and possible danger when they can't get a living wage out of their labors.

Among those who arrived in port were the Bethulia, Capt. Joseph Curcuro, Antonina, Capt. Benjamin Randazza, St. Rosalie, Capt. Sam Parisi, and the Rose and Lucy, Capt. Philip Parisi.

All except the latter departed for Boston again this morning, but again found their fares worth next to nothing, and in fact the price had dropped a half cent a pound, so that those with 30,000 pounds, if they could sell the fish, were getting less than \$400 stock, granting the crews about \$14 share, and that is for an Italian craft, on which the "lay" is more favorable to the crew than on other boats. Wotta life!

Squibs is told that the halibuter Pollyanna, Capt. Eric Carlson, stocked about \$1900, and the crew shared \$19 on their recent trip, which took two weeks.

The halibuter Pilgrim, which returned Sunday from the Grand Banks with Capt. Cecil Moulton in command, is on Parkhurst's Marine railways to repair a leak.

The three-masted sloop Pearl is being painted and overhauled at Rocky Neck railways. Capt. Roland Brewer, who used to go fishing from this port, has for the past decade taken fishing parties in the Pearl from York Beach, Maine, and is bound for that port again this season.

More signs of the good old summer time at Rocky Neck railways is the work being done on the auxiliary sch. yacht Ramah, which is due to sail to Greece this season, with Dr. Alexander Forbes of Milton, the owner and skipper, in command. Last year he took a cruise to Iceland and Greenland.

Capt. Steve Post expects to bring the mackerel seiner Jackie B. down from Boston this afternoon to go on Parkhurst's Marine railways to correct a shoe.

"Let her foam," said Big Jerome, "there's a fresher at the wheel," is another odd bit of verse that has lingered in the memory of many Gloucester fishermen from the time when Big Jerome was well known along the waterfront.

"Jump Spark," "Cigarette Andrew," "Nawthin' doin' Bassett," "Billy the Tom" and "Old Wig" are more of those monickers that stayed with their owners for all time.

SQUIBS

RECEIPTS DOWN TO 55,000 POUNDS

FOURTEEN GILL NETTERS BROUGHT BULK OF FARES— NINE TRAWLERS REPORTED.

Landings in the past 24 hours have fallen to 55,000 pounds of haddock and cod with 14 gill netters hailing for 41,800 pounds, and nine trawlers had 13,100 pounds. The trawler Minerva had the largest fare, 7000 pounds of cod, and landed it at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Minerva, trawling, 7000 lbs. cod. Helen, trawling, 2000 lbs. cod. Mary Martin, trawling, 500 lbs. cod. Florence and John, trawling, 500 lbs. cod.

Theresa, trawling, 500 lbs. cod. Bethulia, via Boston. Rose and Lucy, via Boston. Antonina, via Boston. St. Rosalie, via Boston. Beauty, trawling, 1000 lbs. cod. C6696, trawling, 600 lbs. haddock. Mary B., trawling, 400 lbs. haddock. Ardella, trawling, 600 lbs. haddock.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Edna Fae, 5000 lbs. cod. Virginia and Joan, 5000 lbs. cod and haddock. Lucretia, 5000 lbs. haddock. C. A. Meister, 3500 lbs. cod and haddock.

Enterprise, 3500 lbs. cod. Mary A., 3000 lbs. cod. Naomi Bruce II., 3000 lbs. haddock. Nashawena, 2500 lbs. cod. Liboria C., 2500 lbs. cod. Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. cod. Elizabeth and James, 2000 lbs. haddock.

Phyllis A., 2000 lbs. cod. Eliza C. Riggs, 2000 lbs. cod. Myrtle and Gladys, 800 lbs. cod.

Sailed.

Bethulia, seining. Antonina, seining. St. Rosalie, seining.

On the Wave

Two newfoundland fishermen, exhausted after several days at the mercy of the Atlantic, were brought to North Sydney Friday by the schooner Charley Eric and rushed to the hospital.

Picked up by the schooner on the fishing banks, the Newfoundlanders gave their names as Joseph Band and Dan Meany and said they had strayed from the schooner Coral Spray in the fog. Both men were suffering from hunger and exposure, but hospital authorities expressed the opinion they would recover.

Their rescue revived hope for four other Newfoundland fishermen, who have been missing from other schooners for more than a week. Jack Smith and Jerry Moulton have not been reported since they left the schooner Radiant on May 2. The other dorymates, who left the Radiant at the same time, reached the Cape Breton coast after rowing 100 miles.

Two days later, Samuel Brown and Robert Chessman left the Katherine Bruce and failed to return. The schooner put into North Sydney with her flag half-mast, but her skipper expressed the hope they would be picked up by another schooner.

Portland News.

Arriving at Portland from Westport, N. S., early Monday morning, the lobster smack Willard and Daggett took out 12,000 pounds of Canadian lobsters and 400 pounds of halibut.

The only local vessels landing fish fares Monday were the Pofisco, with 8,000 pounds and the Elizabeth B., with 7,000 pounds.

CENT A POUND FOR MACKEREL

SEVEN MORE FARES AT BOSTON —IMPROVEMENT IN GROUND- FISH MARKET.

A fleet of 28 craft was on hand at the Boston fish pier for today's market. Seven of them were seiners, another brought halibut and the rest had groundfish. Total receipts were 445,000 pounds of groundfish, 231,000 pounds of fresh mackerel, 20,000 pounds of halibut, 17,000 pounds of salt fish and 140,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Seiners have been taking their fish between 20 miles southeast of Shinnecock, L. I., and 34 miles southeast of No Man's Land. There was a further slump in the market and the price fell to 1 cent to 1 1/2 cents per pound.

The halibut was brought in by sch. Oretha F. Spinney, Capt. Carl Olsen, returning from a three week's trip to Quero.

Groundfish prices were a little firmer and higher on the opening this morning.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Santana D., 55,000 mackerel. Orion, 25,000 mackerel. Jackie B., 20,000 mackerel. Hoop-la, 28,000 mackerel. Leretha, 28,000 mackerel. Mary F. Curtis, 25,000 mackerel. Linta, 50,000 mackerel. Str. Ebb, 68,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 23,000 mixed fish.

Str. Cambridge, 120,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 12,000 mixed fish. Charlotte, 800 haddock, 2500 cod, 19,000 mixed fish.

Frances J. Manta, 37,000 haddock, 5000 mixed fish.

Gov. Al Smith, 46,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.

Sadie M. Numan, 5000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5600 mixed fish.

Gossoon, 38,000 haddock, 87,000 cod, 3000 mixed fish.

Oretha F. Spinney, 20,000 halibut, 15,000 fresh fish, 17,000 salt fish.

Francesca, 1800 mixed fish. St. Provvidenza, 1800 mixed fish.

Mamie, 3200 mixed fish. Eva II, 2000 mixed fish.

Annie, 4800 mixed fish. Sarah M., 1500 mixed fish.

Bessie, 3400 mixed fish. Two Pals, 2600 mixed fish.

Alphonso, 7700 mixed fish. Sebastiano and Figli, 9700 mixed fish.

Fred Henry, 8300 mixed fish. Anna Guarino, 6800 mixed fish.

Princess, 11,000 mixed fish. Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large

cod, \$2 to \$2.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$2; cusk, \$1.25;

gray sole, 1 to 2 cents per pound, lemon sole, 2 cents; black backs, 1

cent; yellow tails, 2 cents; dabs, 1 1/2 cent; mackerel, 1 cent to 1 1/2

cent.